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Mr. Allan Berkowitz, Executive Director
Environmental Volunteers
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May 15, 2008

Dear Mr. Berkowitz,

I am pleased to offer my enthusiastic endorsement of the Environmental Volunteers' EcoCenter project in the Palo Alto Baylands Nature Preserve. This project offers a unique opportunity not only to reclaim one of Palo Alto's historic resources but also to help the City protect and preserve its natural resources for future Palo Altans.

Environmental Volunteers has been a leader in natural science education for children in our region for more than 36 years, promoting an understanding of and responsibility for the environment through hands-on science education. The new EcoCenter will be a magnet for nature enthusiasts and enable the EV to attract and inspire many more community members to become volunteers and engage in environmental stewardship.

I applaud your work at transforming the iconic Sea Scout building into a center for environmental education for our community. You have been stewarding this complex restoration project with care, attention, and diligence, in order to preserve both our cultural and natural heritage. I'm thrilled to see an organization work with the City to preserve and reuse the building in such a sensitive and forward-looking way.

I wish Environmental Volunteers every success in this endeavor and look forward to celebrating with you as the EcoCenter becomes a wonderful resource for Palo Alto and the region.

Sincerely,



S. Joseph Simitian
State Senator, Eleventh District

Exhibit 3: Project Letters

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May 28, 2008

Allan Berkowitz, Executive Director
Environmental Volunteers
3921 East Bayshore Road
Palo Alto, CA 94303

Dear Mr. Berkowitz,

I am pleased to offer my endorsement of the EcoCenter, which will provide an exceptional gathering place in our community and a home base from which the Environmental Volunteers will provide hands-on natural science education.

The EcoCenter will serve as a model in sustainable architectural design and enable visitors to appreciate the beauty of the Baylands Nature Preserve, while developing awareness of their responsibility to the prescient environmental issues of our day.

On behalf of the 21st Assembly District I wish you every success.

Sincerely,

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Assemblymember, 21st District

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